(f) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Seminar on Pollution Control in River Cities

5346. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government inaugurated a four days Seminar at Varansi on 'Pollution control in river cities of India - case study of Ganga' on January 14, 1992; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the observations and suggestions made at the seminar for cleaning the Ganga speedily?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). A Seminar on 'Pollution Control in river cities of India-case study of Ganga' was organised by Sankat Mochan Foundation which is a Non-Government organisation from 14 to 17 January, 1992. It was inaugurated by the Union Minister of Water Resources and was attended by participants from India and abroad. The observations/recommendations of the seminar include"

(i) Water quality along bathing areas of the ghats at Varansi does not meet the current bacterial and BOD water quality standards at present.

(ii) The urgent need to Ganga follow up the activities under taken in Phase I of the Action Plan.

(iii) Early commission of sewage treatment plants at Dinapur and increase of treatment plant capacity at Banaras Hindu University, Diesel Locomotive Works and Dinapur.

(iv) Construction of a bypass interception or other appropriate facilities needs to eliminate overflows into the river.

(v) Compilation of pumping rates, pumping volumes and maintenance records of the existing pumping stations on a monthly bases.

(vi) Proper attention to be paid for operation and maintenance of the facilities set up under Ganga Action Plan.

The matter has been taken up with the Government of U.P. for follow up action on the above recommendations.

Committee to Improve Health Services in Capital

5347. SHRI SURENDRA PAL PATHAK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any expert committee has been set up to improve the health services in the Capital;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report;

(c) if so, the recommendations made by the committee; and

(d) the reasons of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI

SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d). Directorate General of Health Services had prepared a project for reorganisation of medicare facilities in Delhi which was subsequently examined by an Expert Group. Necessary action has already been initiated to implement some of the short term measures suggested by it.

Pre-Vacational Education

5348. SHRI SHANKERSINGH VAGHELA:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Advisory Board on Education and the Standing Committee of the Joint Council for Vocational Education have cleared scheme for pre-vacational education for all students in Class IX and X; and

(b) if so, the outline, time schedule and outstanding features of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). The outline of the Scheme for Pre-Vacational Education at the Lower Secondary Stage and the draft sc heme were considered at the meeting of the Central Advisory Board on Education and the Standing Committee of the Joint Council for Vocational Education respectively. The Scheme can be finalized only after the recommendations of the Janardhan Reddy Committee Report are considered by the CABE.

Station at Motichur

5349. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand for construction of a railway station and halting of trains at Motichur on Haridwar-Rishikesh section;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to accept this demand; and

(c) if so, when and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). There is already a full-fledged station building at Motichur station. One pair of Mail/Express trains and 5 pairs of passenger trains are stopping at this station Existing arrangements are considered adequate to deal with the present level of traffic.

Demurrage Cases

5350. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of demurrage cases in the Railways in 1990-91, zone-wise;

(b) the number of cases still pending for payments and the value thereof; and

(c) the action being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The number of demurrage cases during 1990-91 is as under:-

Railway	*Number of cases*
Central	69208
Eastern	3137
Northern	6162
North Eastern	2460